

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Members: 7  
Appointed by: Town Manager with Selectmen's approval  
Length of Term: 3 years staggered  
Appointments made: April 1  
Meeting Times: 2 or 3 Tuesday evenings per month

Description: The primary responsibilities of the Conservation Commission include the preservation of open land and the protection of wetlands through the provisions of the State and Federal Wetlands Protection statutes. The Commission holds public hearings under its statutory authority to protect wetlands from illegal filling or pollution and to protect them from increased flooding problems. The Commission is also involved in the acquisition of open lands for passive recreation purposes. The management of conservation lands involves mowing, providing access, supporting community gardens and leased farm plots, trash clean-up, stream cleaning, developing trail systems, and installing identification signs.

Criteria for Membership: Members should possess a background or interest in environmental affairs or law.

Ref.: Lexington Code Chapter 145; MGL Chapter 40 §8C  
Selectmen designated as Special Municipal Employees on January 18, 2006.